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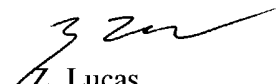
1. The reply filed on January 29, 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the amendments to the Drawings do not comply with the Revised Amendment Practice per revised rule 37 CFR 1.121 as indicated in 68 Fed Reg 38611. In particular, this rule requires that the amendments to the drawings be submitted in a clean copy (Replacement Copy) of the figure, with a marked up copy optionally provided. In the present case, the Applicant has provided only a copy of the marked up revised drawing, and not a clean Replacement copy. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).


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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Housel can be reached on 571-272-0902. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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